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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 27, 1884, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. June 27, 1884? My dearest Alec:

I have wasted all my time, so now I can't do more than just enclose these cards which I have no doubt will be very welcome. Also your thin coat which you will need travelling.

Papa and I went house hunting in the village cart yesterday and got caught in a pouring rain. We took refuge in a farmhouse and came home after a long stay in borrowed umbrella and waterproof, fortunately Papa had taken the precaution of taking your winter coat along, which did famously as an overcoat for him! We did not succeed in getting to Magnolia, so I am going now, in the carriage this time. I thought on the whole I would not offer the house as they would not even consider the offer unless it came from you. Being your own idea they may think of it, but Papa said Maurice wanted to be more on the water and also he wanted to go to a hotel, so Mamma might have rest from housekeeping. We went to Dana Place and if they will accept \$1200 they may take it.

All well here.

Much love, Your loving, Mabel.